



NASA proud! Pride Month 2017

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For details on Pride Month activities, please see the Out and Allied Employee Resource Group SharePoint site.



June is Pride Month

May 31, 2018

Each year, Americans observe Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month during the month of June to celebrate the proud legacy of LGBT individuals.

As part of the Houston Pride Celebration, the Out & Allied (O&A) Employee Resource Group (ERG) is preparing for 2018.

Save these dates, and check back to the **O&A ERG SharePoint site** for details and updates:

- May 31: LGBT Pride Month kick-off social at Marinas Mexican Restaurant
- June 6: Pride portraits
- June 19: Dine with Pride 2018 at Chipotle
- June 20: Houston Pride Festival volunteer and participant meeting
- June 22: O&A Pride Month awards luncheon
- June 23: Houston Pride Festival and Parade
- June 25: Guest lecturer Kara Boling of AIG, topic TBD





Note on Pride Month from Johnson director

June 19, 2018

From Johnson Space Center Director Mark Geyer to the center's workforce:

As you've seen with the banners at the gates and articles in Roundup Today, June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month. LGBT Pride month is held annually during June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Riots and now includes a variety of events such as parades, festivals, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts. The first Houston Pride Parade was held in 1978.

This special observance is one of many held throughout the year to recognize and honor the contributions of LGBT Americans to the cultural richness of our country. It is also a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of our own JSC teammates who identify as LGBT. Some key contributors include Sally Ride, the first woman to travel into space, and (b) (6), the founding Chair of JSC's Out & Allied Employee Resource Group (ERG), who served as the Pride keynote speaker at Marshall Space Flight Center just this month.

Here at JSC, our LGBT Pride Month Observance is led by the Out & Allied ERG, a group of LGBT individuals and Allies whose primary focus is to ensure the full inclusion of every person at JSC regardless of their gender expression, gender identity, sex or sexual orientation. They work to foster an environment where all employees can bring their full, authentic selves to the workplace. This message resonates with me because when we recruit the very best people and harness their full potential, we position JSC for continued success in human space exploration.

As a champion for diversity and inclusion; I am an Ally to the LGBT community. I represented NASA at the parade in 2016. I also encourage you to consider participating in

the upcoming Pride events. This year marks the 40th anniversary of Houston Pride, and NASA will be present at both the festival and the parade on June 23.

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Johnson Space Center Director Mark Geyer. Image Credit: NASA

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It's Pride Month! Here's How to Participate

By (b) (6) | June 18, 2019

For Pride Month (June), the Out & Allied Employee Resource Group will host and take part in many events commemorating the month. Check out the activities going on and see how you can get involved!

June 1	June 19	June 21	June 22	June 25	June 27
Kick Off LGBTQ Pride Month in Houston's Historic Montrose Neighborhood	Attend a Volunteer Briefing for the Houston LGBTQ Pride Festival & Parade	Join Us for an Awards Luncheon to Honor Excellence	Participate in the Houston LGBTQ Pride Festival & Parade	Future of Human Exploration Panel at Space Center Houston	Join Us for a Special Screening of "The Lavender Scare"
Velvet Taco (907 Westheimer)	B1 Conference Room 522P	Cheddar's (I-45/NASA Bypass)	Downtown Houston Festival (City Hall)	Space Center Houston Mission Briefing Room	B1 Conference Room 360
8:00 PM	4:00 – 4:30 PM	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	12:00 – 7:00 PM Parade 8:00 – 11:00 PM	1:00 – 2:00 PM	11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Hosted by the Out & Allied ERG in Collaboration with the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity

For more information, visit the [Out & Allied Pride Month SharePoint site](#).



NASA Makes a Colorful Appearance at Pride Festival, Parade

By Abigail Coleman | *July 2, 2019*

The theme for the 2019 Houston Pride celebration was “The Summer of ‘69,” celebrating the 50th anniversary of both the Stonewall Riots and Apollo 11—the first human Moon landing. As a result, space exploration and the importance of NASA to the Houston community was showcased throughout the festival and parade.

During the festival, several members of NASA Johnson Space Center’s Out and Allied Employee Resource Group (O&A ERG) shared how Johnson is inclusive to the LGBTQ+ community and more about our exciting work and renewed focus. Many festival goers came by the booth to not only learn more about what we do, but to show their love and support for NASA.

For the Pride parade, walkers from the O&A ERG—from senior managers to interns, from employees to retirees, and from friends to family members—all proudly sported their NASA shirts. Following behind the MRV, a huge crowd favorite, the volunteers threw NASA red, white and blue beads. The record-breaking crowd of 700,000 was electric as they clapped, waved and yelled, “We love NASA!”

And NASA returned the love.



At left, Johnson Deputy Director Vanessa Wyche waves to the crowd as (b) (6) takes the MRV for a spin in downtown Houston at the Pride Parade. Image Credit: NASA/Bill Stafford

"I enjoyed seeing it all come together, and felt a great sense of accomplishment once complete," said (b) (6), Johnson O&A ERG co-chair. "The smiles on the public's faces and their cheers and love made the months of planning and work totally worth it. We started support in February, organizing to support the festival, the parade and a month of activities for June [Pride Month]. I could not have done any of this without my co-chair (b) (6), our wonderful volunteers and O&A's core members, whose experience and knowledge were incalculably valuable."

The parade and festival was colorful and proud—with extra love, acceptance and a touch of stardust that only NASA can provide.

Enjoy more images from the day, below.

